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The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 1044 (Kuehl) – SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

The California School Employees Association supports SB 1044 (Kuehl) and SB 1111 (Kuehl) dealing with the impact of international trade agreements on California's labor and environmental laws. SB 1044 would require the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations to consult with legislative bodies and the public to determine which California labor laws could be considered a potential conflict with trade rules, require public hearings on this issue, and require that a report be published on the findings.

SB 1111 addresses environmental laws and requires similar actions by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

The purpose of international trade agreements is to increase the standard of living for all workers. Unfortunately, there is evidence that the opposite is occurring, and that these agreements may be causing an erosion of wages, safety and other workers' rights and environmental laws and regulations.

We, therefore, urge your signature on SB 1044 and SB 1

Sincerely,

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